

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 7 and 8. These sheets, which include Figs. 7 and 8, replace the original sheets including Figs. 7 and 8.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6, 9, 11, 14-17, 19, 22, 24, 45-47, 50, 53, 55, 58-60, 68-70, 73, 76, 78 and 81-83 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsutsui et al. in view of Watanabe et al.; Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 23, 48, 49, 51, 52, 56, 57, 71, 72, 74, 75, 79 and 80 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsutsui et al. in view of Watanabe et al. and Le Tourneau; Claims 10, 18, 20, 21, 54 and 57 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsutsui et al. in view of Watanabe et al. and Nelson; Claims 31-35, 38-42 and 61-65 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsutsui et al. in view of Nelson and Claims 36, 37, 43, 44, 66 and 67 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsutsui et al. in view of Nelson and Watanabe et al. Claims 1-83 remain active.

Considering first then the Examiner's objections to the drawings, it is to be noted that substitute drawings are now submitted which include replacement sheets for Figures 7 and 8. Figure 8 has been amended so as to amend reference character "A" to instead read -A'-. In addition, the drawn shape is now designed by reference letters DS in Figure 7. Appropriate amendments have been made to the specification to indicate these reference letters.

Considering next then the objection to the disclosure and the suggested corrections at page 30, such have now been made.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-3, 6, 9, 11, 14-17, 19, 22, 24, 45-70, 50, 53, 55, 58-60, 68-70, 73, 76, 78 and 81-83 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsutsui et al. in view of Watanabe et al., it is to be noted that each of the independent claims of the present application have now been amended to make reference to the fact that the drive pulley includes a drum and attachment member fixed to the drum, the attachment member

having an attachment strip fixed thereto and having at least one through hole formed therein for insertion of a fixing member to secure the attachment member to the drive shaft. Insofar as a review of Tsutsui et al. and Watanabe et al. clearly indicate that neither of these references have this limitation, it is submitted that the above-noted claims patentably define over such references as well as the remaining references of record.

Considering next then the rejection of Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 23, 48, 49, 51, 52, 56, 57, 71, 72, 74, 75, 79 and 80 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsutsui et al. in view of Watanabe and further in view of Le Tourneau, it is noted that a review of Le Tourneau indicates that such fails to rectify the deficiencies noted hereinabove regarding each of the independent claims of Tsutsui et al. and Watanabe et al. In this regard, it is noted that Le Tourneau discloses a cable anchor 1 which has slots 3 formed therein on a plate 2 formed at the end of the cable anchor drum 1. However, it is noted that Le Tourneau does not teach a plate attached to a drum nor does such teach an attachment member having an attachment strip fixed thereto and having at least one through hole formed therein for insertion of a fixing member to secure the attachment member to a drive shaft. Rather, the apertures 3 shown in Le Tourneau are merely for the purpose of permitting a tongue to secure a cable in place on the plate 2. Insofar as this is clearly dissimilar to Applicants' claimed invention, it is submitted that each of the independent claims and each of the claims noted above patentably define over Le Tourneau.

Considering next then the rejection of Claims 10, 18, 20, 21, 54 and 77 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsutsui et al. in view of Watanabe et al. and Nelson, the rejection of Claims 31-35, 38-42 and 61-65 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsutsui et al. in view of Nelson and the rejection of Claims 36, 37, 43, 44, 66 and 67 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Tsutsui et al. in view of Nelson and Watanabe et al., it is respectfully submitted that Nelson fails to rectify the deficiencies noted

hereinabove with regard to Tsutsui et al. and Watanabe et al. More particularly, Nelson only teaches a pulley 11 having an inner cylindrical cap 12 over which an outer cylindrical body 16 is placed and which has apertures 20 formed therein so as to permit fitting therein of a securing member to secure the outer cylindrical body to the pulley 11. As can thus be appreciated, the apertures 20 and securing member 21 are not for the purpose of attaching an attachment plate to a drive shaft nor does Nelson teach or disclose an attachment plate fixed to a drum in the manner claimed in accordance with the present invention. In this regard, it is further noted that as discussed at page 2, lines 105-118 of Nelson, securing of the outer cylindric body upon the inner cylindrical body includes bolts 21' which are provided with a squared off set in its head for fitting in a similarly shaped aperture in the inner cylindric body 12 which thus permits adjustment of the positioning of the outer cylindrical body 16 with respect to the inner cylindric body 12. It is therefore submitted that each of the above-noted independent claims of the present application patentably define over Nelson as well as the remaining references of record.

Applicants further note that each of the dependent claims which depend either directly or indirectly from the above-noted independent claims contain the limitation not shown in the prior art. In view of these limitations and based upon the dependency of such claims upon the independent claims, it is submitted that all of Claims 1-83 merit indication of allowability.

Respectfully submitted,


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